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President Joseph R. Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

During your December 27th meeting on the pandemic response with the National Governors Association (NGA), you admitted that "there is no federal solution" to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you believe this to be true, then it is time for you to immediately rescind the unconstitutional federal mandates that are harming frontline workers and everyday Americans.

By unilaterally dictating that every business with over 100 employees impose a vaccine-or-test mandate, your Administration is punishing millions who have decided not to get vaccinated, many of whom have acquired natural immunity. Yet your Administration continues to ignore the scientific consensus that recognizes the long-lasting protection natural immunity provides.

Furthermore, the blanket vaccine mandate on healthcare workers is having serious consequences for our healthcare capacity. This dogmatic mandate, which has led to the firing of hard-working doctors and nurses who refused to take the vaccine, has contributed to a workforce shortage that undermines the ability of hospitals and clinics to provide necessary medical care.

While the federal government cannot end the pandemic, there are certain actions that your Administration could take to help our nation deal with COVID-19. Securing our southern border, which has seen a record number of crossings this year, would be an obvious first step, one which many have been calling on for months.

Additionally, your Administration should make it a top priority to cut unnecessary red tape at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and accelerate the review of at-home COVID-19 rapid tests and effective treatments. As millions of Americans found out in recent weeks, such tests have been scarce in pharmacies across the country. The United States has been much slower to grant regulatory approval to these tests than our European counterparts, and only a dozen companies have received FDA Emergency Use Authorizations to produce at-home rapid tests to date.

Mr. President, it is time to abandon your failed top-down approach, get the federal government out of the way, and lift the unconstitutional federal mandates.

Sincerely,

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